



EDUCATION INDUSTRY REAL-TIME INDUSTRY SUMMARY MAY 2026

2025 STATEWIDE LABOR ANALYSIS

There were over 32,000 online job postings for the Education industry from January 2025 to December 2025. The top occupation was *Postsecondary Teachers*, making up 6.9 percent of total industry job postings for the time period.

The employers with the most job postings were Washington University, University of Missouri, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and Local School Districts.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS			
SOC Code	Description	Percent of total industry postings	Average Annual Wage
Now- requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma			
43-6014	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	2.8%	\$42,980
37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners	2.0%	\$35,500 ★
35-9011	Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	0.5%	\$30,510
33-9032	Security Guards	0.5%	\$45,880
43-4121	Library Assistants, Clerical	0.4%	\$31,980
Next- requires a non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate-to long-term training			
25-9045	Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	4.5%	\$33,080
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Teachers	1.2%	\$42,930
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	1.1%	\$38,230
29-2099	Health Technologists & Technicians, All Other	1.0%	\$46,420
31-9092	Medical Assistants	1.0%	\$40,500
Later- requires a bachelor's degree or higher			
25-1000	Postsecondary Teachers	6.9%	N/A
27-2022	Coaches & Scouts	6.4%	\$52,630
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Exc. Special & Career/Technical Education	6.3%	\$58,640
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2.7%	\$81,950 ★
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2.5%	\$54,470

★ Denotes the top 10 occupations by total number of projected openings from 2022-2032 in Now, Next, and Later categories

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Across the state, there are numerous programs in many locations that train for occupations in the Education industry. To find degree and certificate programs at an educational institution near you, visit [MoSCORES](#), a tool designed to assist job seekers, students, career counselors, educators, and planners with a better understanding of training options and typical work outcomes of graduates, for traditional degree programs as well as noncredit credentials. In addition, there are U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship programs for Education occupations in Missouri. Visit [Apprenticeship Missouri](#) for more information.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

TOP 10 COMMON SKILLS

Communication
Teaching
Management
Research
Leadership
Writing
Planning
Operations
Coordinating
Problem Solving

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Several soft skills such as Communication and Leadership, ranked in the top 10 requested common skills. Communication skills were requested in 43 percent of Education industry job postings, while teaching was found in 25 percent of postings.

TOP 10 SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Office Equipment
Lesson Planning
Lifting Ability
Nursing
Special Education
Project Management
R (Programming Language)
Student Services
Disabilities
Curriculum Development

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Top specialized skills included Office Equipment and Lesson Planning.

TOP 10 SOFTWARE SKILLS

R (Programming Language)
Student Information Systems
Learning Management Systems
Spreadsheets
Epic EMR
Google Workspace
Python (Programming Language)
Zoom (Video Conferencing Tool)
Operating Systems
SQL (Programming Language)

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Microsoft Office and its products, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, are the most requested software skills across all industries. Other skills requested in the Education industry include R, Student Information Services, and Learning Management Systems.

TOP 10 QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching Certificate
Valid Driver's License
Registered Nurse (RN)
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification
American Red Cross (ARC) Certification
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification
First Aid Certification
Nurse Practitioner (APRN-CNP)
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Certification

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Teaching Certificate was the top requested qualification, followed by a Valid Driver's License and Registered Nurse.

Sources:

- LightCast™
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, 2024
- 2022-2032 Employment Projections published by Missouri Economic Research and Workforce Information Center (MERIC), 2025

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